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Subject: [Records Center] Public Information Request :: R000667-040119
Date: April 8, 2019 at 12:00 PM
To: foia@americanoversight.org



Attachments:

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April 8, 2019

Mr. Austin Evers
American Oversight
foia@americanoversight.org

RE: Public Information Request No. R000667

Dear Mr. Evers:

This e-mail is in response to your public information request to the Office of the Attorney General ("OAG"), received by the OAG on March 29, 2019.

The OAG has reviewed its files and has located the attached information that is responsive to your request. Although the Public Information Act allows a governmental body to charge for copying documents, the attached information is being provided to you at no charge.

Please note the OAG has redacted personal e-mail addresses from the attached documents pursuant to section 552.137 of the Government Code and the previous determination issued by the Open Records Division. See Open Records Decision No. 684 (2009) (governmental bodies may withhold certain information without necessity of requesting decision from Open Records Division).

Additionally, the OAG has redacted conference call access numbers that are confidential under section 552.136 of the Government Code. Because our office is prohibited by law from releasing this information to you, we have removed it from the attached documents. Normally, we must request a ruling from the Open Records Division before we can withhold information. However, section 552.136 allows us to withhold this specific information without requesting a ruling from the Open Records Division. You have the right to appeal our decision to withhold this information from you. Instructions for appeal are attached. If you do not want to appeal, you do not need to do anything else. Please note that we are only withholding a specific category of information that is confidential under section 552.136.

If you have any questions, please contact the Public Information Coordinator's Office.

Sincerely,

Lauren Downey
Assistant Attorney General
Public Information Coordinator
Office of the Attorney General

To monitor the progress or update this request please log into the [Public Records Center](#)



Hornsey, Brittany

Subject: Meet w/Catherine Engelbrecht re: SB-5
Location: Jeff's Office

Start: Mon 3/13/2017 5:00 PM
End: Mon 3/13/2017 6:00 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Meeting organizer

Organizer: Hornsey, Brittany

Required Attendees: Mateer, Jeff; Starr, Brantley; Pier, Steve

Optional Attendees: Moody, Grace; Purdom, Adriane

Monday, March 13, 2017

5:00-6:00 PM (CST)

OAG: Jeff Mateer, Brantley Starr, Steve Pier

Subject: Meet w/Catherine Engelbrecht re: SB-5

Location: Jeff's Office

Thank you,

Brittany B Hornsey

Hornsey, Brittany

Subject: Cnf Call with Catherine Engelbrecht, Founder, True the Vote
Location: Cnf Call (Jeff to call Catherine at 832-444-7701)

Start: Mon 3/5/2018 9:00 AM
End: Mon 3/5/2018 9:30 AM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Meeting organizer

Organizer: Hornsey, Brittany
Required Attendees: Mateer, Jeff;

Monday, March 5, 2018
9:00-9:30 AM (CST)
OAG: Jeff Mateer
Cnf Call with Catherine Engelbrecht, Founder, True the Vote
(Jeff to call Catherine at 832-444-7701)

Thank you,

Brittany B. Hornsey

Accessibility Coordinator and Office Manager for Executive Administration
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Catherine Engelbrecht

True the Vote
832.444.7701

Catherine Engelbrecht
Founder, True the Vote

Hornsey, Brittany

Subject: Constitutional Law Conference - Rule of Law Panel Conference Call
Location: Conference Call - Dial in

Start: Thu 7/12/2018 1:00 PM
End: Thu 7/12/2018 1:30 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Meeting organizer

Organizer: Hornsey, Brittany
Required Attendees: Starr, Brantley;

Optional Attendees: Moody, Grace

Thursday, July 12, 2018

1:00-1:30 PM (CST) / 2:00-2:30 PM (EST)

Subject: Constitutional Law Conference - Rule of Law Panel Conference Call

Conference Call: Dial in

Moody, Grace

From: Don Palmer <[mailto:Don.Palmer@oag.texas.gov](#)>
Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2018 9:22 AM
To: Moody, Grace; Starr, Brantley; Ellis, John; Pier, Steve; Purdom, Adriane; PDB 8th Floor Conference Room
Subject: Re: Meeting Request w/Donald Palmer with the Bipartisan Policy Center

Thank you for confirming the meeting on September 6, 2018.

Regards,
Don Palmer
Fellow, Bipartisan Policy Center
407.267.2690

From: Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 24, 2018 5:00:06 PM
To: Starr, Brantley; Ellis, John; Don Palmer; Pier, Steve; Purdom, Adriane; PDB 8th Floor Conference Room
Subject: Meeting Request w/Donald Palmer with the Bipartisan Policy Center
When: Thursday, September 6, 2018 3:00 PM-4:00 PM.
Where: PDB, 8th Floor Conference Room

Location:

Office of the Attorney General
Price Daniel Bldg, 8th Floor
209 W. 14th Street (Corner of 14th & Lavaca)
Austin, TX 78701

Grace Moody
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Moody, Grace

From: Don Palmer <
Sent: Wednesday, September 05, 2018 4:02 PM
To: Moody, Grace
Subject: Re: Meeting Request w/Donald Palmer with the Bipartisan Policy Center
Attachments: Memo Online Voter Registration.docx

Ms. Moody,
Can you provide a copy of this memo to the meeting participants.
r/Don Palmer
Fellow, Bipartisan Policy Center

From: Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 4, 2018 12:01:48 PM
To: Don Palmer
Subject: RE: Meeting Request w/Donald Palmer with the Bipartisan Policy Center

Mr. Palmer,

The meeting is confirmed for Thursday, September 6th at 2:00 p.m..

Location:

Office of the Attorney General
Price Daniel Bldg, 8th Floor
209 W. 14th Street (Corner of 14th & Lavaca)
Austin, TX 78701

Please let me know if you need anything. Thank you.

Grace A. Moody
Executive Assistant to Brantley Starr, Deputy First Assistant Attorney General
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From: Don Palmer [mailto:
Sent: Tuesday, September 04, 2018 10:59 AM
To: Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Fw: Meeting Request w/Donald Palmer with the Bipartisan Policy Center

Ms. Moody,

I wanted to confirm the time of the meeting this Thursday - 3-4 pm.

Thank you,

Don Palmer
407.267.2690

From: Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 24, 2018 5:00:06 PM
To: Starr, Brantley; Ellis, John; Don Palmer; Pier, Steve; Purdom, Adriane; PDB 8th Floor Conference Room
Subject: Meeting Request w/Donald Palmer with the Bipartisan Policy Center
When: Thursday, September 6, 2018 3:00 PM-4:00 PM.
Where: PDB, 8th Floor Conference Room

Location:

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ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION

Online Voter Registration Keeps Texas Voter Rolls Clean

- The Secretary of State will be able to instantly check a voter's eligibility and the accuracy of their registration before putting the record into the voter rolls.
- Online registration will also provide more complete data for a voter's record. This reduces the possibility of fraud by creating more unique identifiers for each voter as well as gives election officials more data points to check when validating an absentee or provisional ballot, so validly-cast ballots can be counted.
- Additional identifiers will assist in future list maintenance when individual moves, passes, or becomes ineligible for some other reason.

Online Voter Registration will confirm Identity, Citizenship, and Residency

- Online registration eliminates errors, system does not permit inaccurate or missing names, erroneous birthdates, non-verifiable DL's or SSN's – no match, no registration, and raises a flag if suspicious.
- ID required. To register, the citizen will need a DL or State ID with the ID in their possession.
- Authenticates each person, each application – more verification than required by federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA).
- Confirms the citizenship or legal status of individual in the DMV system using system, will reject the application if not a citizen, not eligible or not in the system.
- Texas is REAL ID compliant: system verifies identity and citizenship, verifies date of birth – birth certification; in-person if not previously confirmed.

Online Voter Registration is More Secure

- Online registration is significantly more secure than paper registrations alone because the registration can be instantly checked with other state agencies to confirm a registrant's identity and eligibility. The possibility of human error is also nearly eliminated.
- State voter registration databases and Department of Motor Vehicles cybersecurity protected by state agencies.
- Reduces the number of registrations by third party registration groups before major election.
- Voters trust a government agency registration portal over the passing of personal identifiable information to strangers, more susceptible to fraud or misuse.

Online Voter Registration is More Efficient

- Voters will be able to register and update their registration online 24 hours a day.
- Giving Texans the ability to register online eases the burden at the county boards of elections by requiring less time to be spent hand-processing registration forms. This will reduce costs and the need for additional staff.
- An analysis showed online voter registration can save local governments between 50 cents and \$2.34 per registration

Online Voter Registration gives neither political party an advantage

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- Ohio and Pennsylvania good examples how it helps rural areas.

Online Voter Registration is endorsed by Republicans

- Republican Secretaries of State have endorsed and implemented in Kansas, Colorado, Alabama, Arizona, Indiana, Georgia, Louisiana, Virginia, South Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, Utah, Wisconsin, Iowa, Pennsylvania, New Mexico and Florida. In the legislation process in Michigan.
- Endorsed by the Republican National Lawyers Association (RNLA)
- Endorsed by the Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC)
- Recommendation of Presidential Commission on Election Administration (PCEA)

Moody, Grace

Subject: Meeting Request w/Donald Palmer with the Bipartisan Policy Center
Location: PDB, 6th Floor Conference Room

Start: Thu 9/6/2018 2:00 PM
End: Thu 9/6/2018 3:00 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Meeting organizer

Organizer: Moody, Grace
Required Attendees: Starr, Brantley; Ellis, John; Pier, Steve; Purdom, Adriane

*Please note this meeting will take place in the PDB – 6th Floor Conference Room. Thank you

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